EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ROBIN LEA HUTTON

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Robin Lea Hutton, President of Angels Without Wings, Inc., a non-profit corporation dedicated to giving relief to the poor, the distressed and underprivileged, and honoring those people and groups who help others in need.

It is through her leadership and vision that Angels Without Wings has spearheaded the development and dedication of a national memorial monument to the remarkable Korean War hero horse, Sgt. Reckless. This memorial serves to honor all animals that have served our country in times of war—whether as mascots for our servicemembers, or ammunitions carriers, like Sqt. Reckless.

Ms. Hutton has also brought further recognition to these animals by authoring Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse. This book tells the incredible story of Reckless, who is listed in Life Magazine's "Celebrate our Heroes," as one of our all-time great heroes and whose antics make her a revered part of the history and lore of the United States Marine Corps.

For her patriotic service and exceptional work, Ms. Hutton is being bestowed with the Patriotic Citizen of the Year award and will receive the Silver Patrick Henry medal from the Conejo Valley Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

It is my honor to offer my sincere congratulations to Ms. Hutton on this special occasion and to thank her for her dedication to telling the story of America's war horse.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2014, I was unavoidably absent from the House due to a family emergency involving my elderly mother, and missed rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: roll 339; "aye"; roll 340; "aye."

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CONGRATULATING DR. DAVID M.} \\ \text{PAIGE} \end{array}$

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dr. David M. Paige for his more than forty years of dedication to patients, students and public health in Mary-

land and across the country. David is a Professor of Population, Family and Reproductive Health with joint appointments in International Health and Human Nutrition at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and in Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He is a member of the Maryland State WIC Advisory Panel and the Director of the Johns Hopkins WIC Program.

Through his work as a physician, researcher and professor, David has made indelible marks on the state of public health in this nation. In response to a crisis of malnourishment among low-income infants and pregnant women in Baltimore in the 1960s, David created a voucher system for food assistance that served as the prototype for the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. This program provides essential food assistance to almost 9 million individuals each month and more than 143,000 people in Maryland alone. David remains a vigilant defender of this critical program and has testified more than 20 times before House and Senate committees.

David has also produced significant research on the increasing prevalence of lactose intolerance in children and young adults. His findings have had far-reaching effects on the availability of lactose free foods and prenatal nutrition for lactose-intolerant mothers. He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the March of Dimes National Agnes Higgins Award for Distinguished Achievement in Maternal-Fetal Nutrition.

On a personal note, it has been my privilege to know David for over twenty years and to benefit from his passionate advocacy on issues of public health. At all times, David's service to his profession and to the broader community have been characterized by a generosity of spirit and a selfless dedication to improving the lives of those too often left behind. I am proud to call David my friend and I commend the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for recognizing David's long and distinguished record of accomplishment. This tribute could not go to a more deserving person.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 23, 2014, I was absent because of travel delays due to weather related activities.

If I had been present, I would have voted the following on June 23, 2014:

Rollcall 339 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, S. 1044, the World War II Memorial Prayer Act, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 340 on the motion to suspend the rules and concur to the Senate amendment, H.R. 316, the Collinsville Renewable Energy Production Act, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 294, I inadvertently voted "yea," I intended to vote "nay."

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHAEL FARMER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Michael Farmer.

Michael Farmer began his advocacy at the young age of 17. He and a group of friends started a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) at Apopka High School, a conservative part of Central Florida. While attending Valencia Community College, Michael served as the Valencia College Campus Organizer for the Fairness For All Families (FFAF) Campaign. This campaign aimed to defeat a constitutional amendment to ban marriage equality and civil unions in Florida. He went on to serve as the Orlando Area Field Organizer for FFAF.

In 2009, Michael joined the staff of Equality Florida (EQFL) as the organization's Safe Schools Policy and GSA Network Coordinator. As Equality Florida's GSA Network Coordinator, Michael trained hundreds of students and teachers across the state on best practices for making schools safe for LGBT youth.

From 2010 to 2012, Michael served as EQFL's Statewide Field Coordinator. In this role, Michael helped to increase the organization's pro-equality voter file by more than 20,000 voters. Additionally, he raised EQFL's profile at community events and mobilized members and pro-equality voters to support pro-equality and openly LGBT candidates.

In 2013, Michael transitioned into the role of Statewide Field Director. As Statewide Field Director, Michael led EQFL's field staff on programs related to voter education and mobilization, and increased EQFL's member engagement.

Currently, Michael serves as Equality Florida's Director of Development for Central and North Florida. In this capacity, he leads EQFL's development programs and staff in Orlando, Sarasota, Jacksonville and Tallahassee. Since 2012, Michael and his teams across the state have raised over one million dollars in the pursuit of LGBT equality in Florida.

Through his work at Equality Florida, Michael has been able to play a leadership role in changing the policy landscape for the LGBT community in Florida. Michael also played an

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integral role in the passage of Domestic Partner Registries in both the City of Orlando and Orange County. These registries provide critical protections for unmarried couples in times of emergency. To date, more than 1,000 couples have registered. Michael helped pass Orange County's Human Rights Ordinance, which bans discrimination against the LGBT community in housing, public accommodations, and the workplace. He also contributed to the passage of Orange County's Domestic Partner Benefits for county workers, which allow the spouses of county workers to access important health benefits. Additionally, he helped spearhead the passage of Domestic Partner Benefits and a Nondiscrimination Policy at Orange County Public Schools (OCPS)—the nation's ninth largest school district. These policies provide important healthcare benefits to the spouses of OCPS teachers and protect LGBT teachers and students from discrimination.

In 2012, The Advocate nominated Michael as one of "40 under 40" activists in the nation. He regularly represents Equality Florida's initiatives and programs on local TV and print media, and is a member of the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Committee.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a concentration on American Politics and Public Policy.

I am happy to honor Michael Farmer, during LGBT Pride Month, for his work to secure equality for LGBT individuals in Central Florida and throughout the state of Florida.

HONORING SUE MERIMS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the strength of any religious institution comes from the love and devotion of its congregation. For Sue Merims, that love and devotion to Congregation Anshe Shalom is a family tradition. Sue's sister, Carolyn, was the first to join the synagogue, followed by her parents, Muriel and Ely Cohen, who were long-time members. Sue was next to join the Anshe Shalom family and has been a standout member now for over 40 years.

Following a 1996 meeting of the Anshe Shalom Board of Directors, Sue became the synagogue's treasurer, a role she still serves in today. She worked tirelessly to sustain and modernize the synagogue's operations, by computerizing its administrative and accounting systems, coordinating events, organizing the Community Seder, and working on the monthly bulletin. Being part of Anshe Shalom has brought joy and comfort to Sue and she considers her special relationship with Rabbi Weinberger and his beloved wife, Hannah, to be a major blessing.

Beyond her work at the synagogue, Sue taught at Millis High School in Millis, Massachusetts before pursuing new opportunities in the travel and food services industry. After 13 years with ARA Services Inc., Sue took a leap of faith and started her own school food service consulting business. For over 25 years, school districts have sought out Sue's expertise, as she has successfully guided them

through upgrading and modernizing their food services environment.

Sue's greatest source of joy however is her family. She is blessed with two loving children and six grand children that she loves dearly.

Anshe Shalom in honoring Sue Merims at their Annual Testimonial Dinner and I can't think of a more deserving honoree. Her dedication to and hard work for the Anshe Shalom community has been an inspiration. It is my great pleasure to congratulate her on receiving this recognition.

HONORING TERRY J. HURNE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of Terry J. Hurne, United States Army Specialist, who died on June 9, 2014, at the young age of 34. Terry was an American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the United States in the Logar Province of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Spc. Hurne was born to Norman and Shirley Hurne on April 9, 1980. He was raised in Atwater, California. He graduated from Atwater High School in 1998 and joined the military in 2007 after working for Central Valley Electric and various construction jobs.

During his time in the Army, Terry served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. For the past five years he served as a generator mechanic and builder. He was assigned to B Company, 710 Brigade Support Battalion, 10th Mountain Division stationed in Fort Drum, New York.

Terry will undoubtedly be remembered nationwide as a hero who fought for our freedoms. His family and friends will hold memories of Terry in their hearts forever. His smile, laugh, and kindness will never be forgotten. Eight years ago, Terry married the love of his life, Natalie, and they built a beautiful life together. Natalie as well as Terry's father; mother; stepmother; Ruth, three sisters; Cheryl, Christina, and Sam, and brother; Bryon will miss him dearly.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of our fallen soldier, Army Specialist Terry Hurne. He was an exemplary individual, and we will always be grateful for his service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO GILES GIOVINAZZI

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Giles F. Giovinazzi, Democratic Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Aviation for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. As Ranking Democrat of the Subcommittee, I had the pleasure of working with Giles on many issues that came before the Subcommittee. His hard work and wise counsel over the past 12 years has been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing to work with him as he embarks on a new endeavor.

Giles began his career on Capitol Hill serving as Legislative Counsel for Congressman JAMES MCGOVERN from 1999 to 2002. Since that time, Giles has served on the Subcommittee in various positions including Counsel, Senior Counsel and Staff Director, since 2009.

Giles is a true public servant and his dedication to the country extends beyond the halls of Congress. Giles is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve where he has served since 2004.

His understanding of complex technical and legal aviation issues, policy and politics, has been an asset to the Committee for over a decade. Giles has been instrumental in drafting significant pieces of legislation including The Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010.

Last month, Giles was appointed federal transportation liaison at the California Department of Transportation and the California High-Speed Rail Authority. His expertise and counsel will be truly missed.

I join my colleagues on the Transportation Committee in wishing Giles, his wife Jolynn, and daughter, Kathryn Maribel, all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I did not participate in the vote of S. 1044 on June 23, 2014. Unfortunately, I was traveling back from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and due to inclement weather, I could not get back from my trip in time to vote.

However, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on S. 1044.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,529,945,473,040.66. We've added \$6,903,068,424,127.58 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 339, I was unable to get to D.C. to make votes due to a personal conflict, a friend's funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOM DYER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Tom Dyer. Tom was born in Lancaster, Ohio in 1955. His family moved from Madison, Wisconsin to the Orlando area in 1969. One of his first summer jobs was as a character at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. Tom is a graduate of Winter Park High School, DePauw University and the University of Florida, Levin College of Law.

Tom is the founder and publisher of Watermark, Orlando and Tampa Bay's award-winning LGBT newspaper. Founded in 1994, the newspaper distributes 20,000 newspapers to more than 500 locations every other Thursday. The web site, WatermarkOnline.com, is visited by more than 5,000 users every week. The company donates more than \$200,000 annually in free and sponsor advertising to worthy local and national LGBT non-profits.

In 1997 Watermark Media produced Beach Ball at Disney's Typhoon Lagoon, the first large-scale nighttime party associated with Gay Days Weekend. Watermark publishes a glossy guide to Gay Days Weekend, the largest annual LGBT gathering in the nation, as well as programs for St. Pete Pride in June and Orlando's Come Out With Pride in October.

Watermark sought to hang rainbow flags throughout downtown Orlando during Gay Pride Month in 1998. The city reluctantly acquiesced, but the controversy made national news when televangelist, Pat Robertson, predicted Orlando would be beset by hurricanes as punishment.

Tom has interviewed such luminaries as Gloria Steinem, Billie Jean King, Lily Tomlin and Martina Navratilova for Watermark. His recent interview with former governor, and now candidate for governor, Charlie Crist, went viral after it was picked up by HuffPost.com, CNN.com and MSNBC.com.

In addition to publishing Watermark, Tom is a practicing attorney and senior partner in Dyer & Blaisdell, PL. He is a former board member of the Metropolitan Business Association and the Tampa International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival. He currently serves on the advisory board for the Harvey Milk Foundation.

Tom has received the Vice Versa Award for excellence in LGBT journalism, the Spectrum Award for Male Role Model and Equality Florida's Voice for Equality Award. In 2004, the City of Orlando presented Tom with the "Key to the City" in honor of Watermark's 10th anniversary. In 2014, he was named a Champion of Equality by the Harvey Milk Foundation.

Tom lives in Winter Park, where he enjoys spending time with nine nieces and nephews and his beloved Welsh corgi, Seamus. He's also working on his downward dog at regular Yoga sessions.

I am happy to honor Tom Dyer, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida LGBT community.

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

 $\begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{OF CALIFORNIA}\\ \textbf{IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES} \end{tabular}$

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Federal Credit Union Act and to use this occasion to honor the contributions that the credit union movement has made to the United States. The Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1934, permits credit unions to be formed anywhere in the United States. The legislation bolstered the development of credit unions as a way to promote thrift among the

Eighty years later, credit unions in the United States claim nearly 100 million members. If the credit unions those members own were a single financial institution, it would be the fifth largest bank in America.

American people while setting in place federal

oversight of these financial institutions.

But thankfully, those credit unions are more than 6,600 independent, consumer-owned, volunteer-led, democratically controlled financial institutions, vital to the well-being of their members.

Credit unions are part of the great fabric that makes our country strong.

They are cooperatives—bound together by a common set of business principles and values: voluntary membership; democratic control; economic participation; autonomy and independence; member education; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community

A Canadian, Alphonse Desjardins, brought the idea for credit unions west from Europe in 1900 and by 1909 he had successfully organized the first American credit union in New Hampshire. Two Americans, Pierre Jay, the Massachusetts banking commissioner and Edward Filene, a Boston merchant, took up the cause of promoting credit unions in those early years.

In 1908 a national conference on credit unions was held in Boston that brought together Desjardins, Filene, Jay and others interested in the formative stages of the movement. That conference led to the 1909 draft of legislation in Massachusetts that became the nation's first state credit union act.

The movement developed slowly during the following decade and by 1921 Filene become convinced that federal legislation was needed in addition to existing state legislation. He hired Massachusetts attorney Roy Bergengren to help. The Credit Union National Extension Bureau was formed. Four years later, 15 states had passed credit union enabling laws and 419 credit unions were serving 108,000 consumers.

After the 1934 passage of the Federal Credit Union Act, credit unions recognized their need for stronger national representation and unity. The Credit Union National Association was formed—replacing the Credit Union National Extension Bureau.

Robust credit union growth continued until World War II. Wartime slowed the expansion of the movement considerably. Interest picked up again once the conflict ended and by 1955 there were more than 16,000 credit unions across the United States. By 1969, that number had swelled to nearly 24,000.

The 1970s brought about great change to credit unions as they broadened their services to meet the expanding needs of their members. Legislation permitting mortgage lending by credit unions was passed and the total number of credit union members more than doubled during the decade.

As consumer needs evolved and became more complex, many credit unions merged to increase their ability to pool resources and improve member services. While the total number of actual credit unions decreased with mergers, the number of consumer members of credit unions soared, and is now on the cusp of 100 million across the nation.

Credit unions continue to innovate with new services and tools to help their members build economic security.

The work Congress did 80 years ago in passing the Federal Credit Union Act continues to serve the country well.

In fact, the influence credit unions have on the entire financial system saves all consumers money with generally lower rates for loans and higher rates for savings—no matter where they bank. An impressive \$8 billion dollars in savings in 2013 alone is attributed to credit unions.

Today, credit unions are utilized by their members for the convenience, prices, product choice, and financial education they offer.

Credit unions are living up to the promise outlined in their principles. They are institutions that their members and all Americans can choose to be their best financial partner.

RECOGNIZING THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT ON 60 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24 2014

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) on its 60th anniversary. Since June 30, 1954, the OCSD has provided residents in North and Central Orange County outstanding wastewater collection, treatment and recycling services.

The OCSD services approximately 2.5 million people, 21 cities and has two operating facilities that treat wastewater from residential, commercial and industrial sources. Through innovative technologies, the OCSD has served as a leader and model for communities around the world as they battle to protect public health and the environment from the harms of untreated wastewater.

However, the OCSD does not just simply treat wastewater. In fact, by utilizing all practical and effective means, the OCSD is producing an average of 10,000 kilowatts of electricity per day, monitoring the water quality of local beaches, and recycling 268,000 tons of local beaches, the secondary benefits of its highest achievement.

In a joint venture with the Orange County Water District, the OCSD facilitated the creation of the world's largest water purification system, the Orange County Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS). Using a three-step advanced treatment process, the GWRS purifies 70 million gallons of high quality potable water per day that would otherwise be unusable. This is the equivalent to the daily

water use of 600,000 people. The GWRS has since received more than 35 awards, including the Stockholm Industry Water Award, which is the highest international honor bestowed upon water projects, and the 2014 U.S. Water Prize Award from the U.S. Water Alliance.

I am proud of the work, dedication, and accomplishments of the Orange County Sanitation District over the past 60 years and wish them further success as they continue to lead the world in effective wastewater collection, treatment and recycling.

RELIABLE HOME HEATING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,

Washington, DC, June 20, 2014. Hon. BILL SHUSTER,

Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SHUSTER: I write concerning S. 2086, the "Reliable Home Heating Act," which passed the Senate on May 21, 2014. I wanted to notify you that the Committee on Energy and Commerce will forgo action on the bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

This is being done with the understanding that the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving any of its jurisdiction, and the Committee will not be prejudiced with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding, and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during consideration of S. 2086 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON, Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-MITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, June 20, 2014.

Hon. FRED UPTON,

Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding S. 2086, the Reliable Home Heating Act, which passed the Senate on May 21, 2014. I appreciate your willingness to support expediting the consideration of this legislation on the House floor.

I acknowledge that by forgoing action on this legislation, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving any of its jurisdiction and will not be prejudiced with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and I will include our letters on S. 2086 in the Congressional Record during consideration of this measure on the House floor.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER, Chairman. HONORING WARREN EUSAN

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Warren Eusan, an educator and community leader in San Antonio and a member of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen. From Alabama's Tuskegee Institute, this was the famed pursuit squadron who emerged from the Army Air Corps program that trained African-American pilots, navigators, instructors and support staff and who helped secure victory for the allies in World War II.

Mr. Eusan was born and raised in San Antonio in 1920. After graduating from Wiley College in Dallas in 1940 with B.A. Degrees in Sociology and Education, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. After initial assignment to Tuskegee Army Air Field he was sent to Bryan, Texas where he integrated the Base Instrument Command Flying School. Upon graduation, he returned to Tuskegee where he taught instrument flying until his discharge in 1946.

The heroic exploits of the Tuskegee Airmen are now well-known, having been portrayed in feature films, documentaries, books and newspaper and magazine articles. Because of racism and discriminatory laws the men and women who were part of the "Tuskegee Experience" were denied rights in the country of their birth yet rose above injustice. In preserving a freedom that had not yet been extended to them, they displayed courage and a largeness of spirit that helped liberate and save the lives of countless women and men.

In 2007, Mr. Eusan was among the Tuskegee Airmen who received the Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush.

When he returned to San Antonio, Mr. Eusan began a 44-year career in education. He was first a school teacher and then the School Liaison to the Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District. During that time he earned his Masters of Education degree from Atlanta University and completed additional post-grad studies at Our Lady of the Lake University, Trinity University and the University of Texas.

Always concerned about his community and its youth, Mr. Eusan was an adjunct faculty member at St. Philip's College and worked for the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, San Antonio Neighborhood Youth Organization and the Department of Economic Development of San Antonio. As a member of the San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Mr. Eusan had a ubiquitous presence throughout his community, helping to preserve and share the rich legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. Through the chapter's annual Educational Assistance Awards Banquet he helped provide scholarships to dozens of college-bound students.

Mr. Eusan passed away June 14 at the age of 93. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the life and achievements of a Warren Eusan, a great San Antonian and a great American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Monday June 23, 2014 I was not present for 2 votes. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 339, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 340, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARK CHARLES CADY

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Mark Charles Cady.

Born to Lealond H. Cady, Jr. and Jacqueline C. Cady on December 11, 1964 in Jackson-ville, Florida, Mark is the youngest of three. Mark had a typical Florida childhood. He played cars and trucks, cops and robbers, swam in local lakes, ran around with dirt on his face, and played in the rain.

At an early age, Mark started to consider the plight of the less fortunate. While his family was by no means wealthy, his faith and upbringing inspired him to do what was in his capacity to help others. Running on a platform of "Let's help each other," he was elected student council president at his high school in 1981.

Immediately after high school, Mark entered the United States Navy and began 12 years of service as a Religious Programs Specialist. While stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Mark coordinated programs to provide food and services to the host Japanese nationals in coniunction with various non-profit organizations. As an accomplished performer, he also performed more than 20 concerts for military members, their families, and the host nationals. His outstanding career in the Navy earned him a Navy Achievement Medal from the Secretary of the Navy and various other awards, commendations, and newspaper and magazine articles highlighting his accomplishments. As a gay man, Mark chose to leave the Navy in protest of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in 1994. He earned an Honorable Discharge.

Over the years, Mark's career led him into advertising and marketing, but he always maintained his desire to help others and strengthen his Christian faith. In his late 20's, he was ordained a Deacon at Joy Metropolitan Community Church, Orlando. He began serving with various community organizations and continued his career as a singer and entertainer.

At age 34, Mark's father died. He withdrew from community service and began a downward spiral that led him into drug addiction. At age 44, he entered drug rehabilitation with the VA Medical System and got his life back on track.

Since his recovery, he has given back to the community that has provided him with so

much support. He has served as Vice President and President of the Board of Directors for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual (GLBCC) Community Center, Marketing Chair of the GLBCC Community Center, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare, Philanthropic Chair of Aspire Health Partners, Marketing Chair of Come Out With Pride, Chair of the Metropolitan Business Association's Referral Exchange Development Group, and Founder of Out & Proud Veterans of America. He also coordinated the donations for and oversaw the erection of the first LGBT Veterans Memorial in Florida located at the GLBCC and acts as a liaison for the Orlando VA Medical Center for LGBT Veterans and other LGBT service organizations.

In October 2013, Mark was ordained into the Diaconate of the independent Catholic Church and in January 2015 he will be ordained into the Catholic priesthood. Mark is in a committed relationship with his partner Dr. Carlos Archilla.

I am happy to honor Mark Charles Cady, during LGBT Pride Month, for his service to our country and to the Central Florida community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2014, I was unable to be present for all votes due to an unexpected travel delay due to inclement weather.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following votes:

S. 1044, World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013—"yea."

H.R. 316, Collinsville Renewable Energy Production Act—"yea."

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM M. GALLOW

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extensive and highly decorated career of a constituent, William "Bill" Gallow. Mr. Gallow has dedicated his life to serving his neighbors throughout the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions of New York.

Mr. Gallow served as a Combat Infantryman in the United States Army during World War II, under the command of General George Patton. Upon returning home, Mr. Gallow began working with the Arnold Ambulance Service, a volunteer EMT position that he held for over 25 years. In 1963, he embarked on a remarkable 60-year career with the Van Etten Volunteer Fire Company. During his tenure, Mr. Gallow held the positions of Chief, President, Secretary, Trustee, and Senior Medic. In addition, he passed down his knowledge and expertise to other first responders by teaching

courses at academic institutions, training facilities, and the New York State Fire Academy.

Bill Gallow exemplifies selfless service and true leadership. His generosity and willingness to assist anyone in need has earned him the highest level of respect within the Van Etten community and throughout all of Chemung County. He consistently goes above and beyond through his volunteer work and community service. Mr. Gallow has served as a medic at the Special Olympics and the Susan B. Komen "Race for the Cure" on multiple occasions. In recognition of his excellent and selfless service, he was awarded the Southern Tier Regional Emergency Service Award in 1997 and the Richard Habbershaw Community Service Award in 2007.

I commend Mr. Gallow for all the great work he has done at the Van Etten Volunteer Fire Company and throughout his community. He is a selfless and generous individual who has made countless positive contributions to New York's 23rd Congressional District, and I am proud to recognize him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed roll Nos. 339 and 340. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll Nos. 339 and 340.

BEN WEINDLING CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ben Weindling, a longtime businessman from Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Weindling, a loving father and husband, not only created a successful men's clothing store, but was also greatly involved in the Pueblo community.

Mr. Weindling created "Burling's Clothing" with his partner Sheldon Burstein. As owner and manager, Mr. Weindling was named "Dress Apparel Retailer of the Year" in 1972. He was equally involved in his community as he was in his business, serving as president of the Pueblo Country Club, participating on many boards and clubs including Pueblo Housing Authority, the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, and multiple-hospital boards such as Parkview. In 1977, he was appointed to the Colorado Health Facilities Authority by Governor Richard Lamm, where he served until 2013. Additionally, Mr. Weindling worked as a member of the University of Southern Colorado board of trustees and later served a term as president in 1981. He made noteworthy donations to Colorado State University-Pueblo. Above all else, Mr. Weindling found time to care of his wife, children, and grandchildren and was heavily involved in their lives until his death on June 12, 2014.

Mr. Speaker, Ben Weindling gave his family and the Pueblo community all he had to offer and served as a selfless and dedicated public servant throughout his life. I stand with the residents of Pueblo County in giving thanks for his service to the community, and pay tribute to him for a life well lived.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END USER RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4413) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer cost low, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I support reauthorizing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, CFTC, and believe a properly resourced CFTC has a critical role to play in promoting fair and transparent markets that effectively serve end users and consumers without putting taxpayers or our financial system at risk. Unfortunately, H.R. 4413 departs from this vital objective in several important ways.

First, Title II of H.R. 4413 imposes onerous new administrative burdens on the CFTC whose practical effect will be to delay the Commission's ongoing Dodd-Frank rulemaking and encourage costly litigation. We need more certainty—not less certainty—when it comes to regulating our derivatives markets, and H.R. 4413 would take us in precisely the opposite direction.

Second, Title III of H.R. 4413 would make it much more difficult for the CFTC to regulate cross-border derivatives transactions that pose a risk to the U.S. economy. The legislation creates this vulnerability by substituting foreign derivatives rules for U.S. law unless the CFTC and the Securities and Exchange Commission. SEC, jointly determine that a foreign country's regulatory regime is not broadly equivalent to our own. While I support international efforts to harmonize effective rules of the road for derivatives transactions, I do not support presuming an equivalency in this area that does not currently exist. Six years after unregulated derivatives transactions contributed to the sharpest downturn in our economy since the Great Depression, we simply cannot afford to outsource the protection of our financial system to foreign regulators.

Third, neither this legislation—nor the FY 2015 House Agriculture-FDA Appropriations bill, which proposes to slash the CFTC's budget by 22 percent below the President's request—does anything to provide the CFTC with the resources it needs to police fraud and excessive speculation in our derivatives markets on behalf of end users and consumers.

For these reasons, I urge a "no" vote on H.R. 4413.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALLEN McQUARRIE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of our constituents. His name is Allen McQuarrie and his contribution to our community has been invaluable. For the past fifteen years, Mr. McQuarrie has served as the Chair of the Bucks County chapter of Pro-Act, a grassroots advocacy and recovery support initiative of The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania. In 2002, Allen chaired a meeting to plan PRO-ACT's first Recovery Walk, an event attended by 125 people. Today the Recovery Walk is attended by more than 20,000 people in public view at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia, making it the nation's largest recovery walk. Furthermore, he organized a coalition to pursue state enforcement of PA Act 106, which mandates insurance coverage for addiction treatments by medical professionals.

Additionally, Mr. McQuarrie assists our veterans as they transition back to civilian life. Sadly, it has been reported that an estimated one-third of returning veterans suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder and/or traumatic brain injury. The medications used to treat these problems can lead to addiction. Without treatment, individuals may self-medicate with drugs or alcohol. PRO-ACT and Mr. McQuarrie have granted veterans a support system that allows them to maintain a healthy life after their service. Mr. McQuarrie is a strong voice for recovery in PA 08, serving as a mentor, trainer, and advocate. I am pleased to honor the achievements of Allen McQuarrie.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARY ANNE METAXAS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Mary Anne Metaxas. Born to William and Mary Jane Metaxas in Columbus, Ohio, she is the youngest of five children. She grew up in New Jersey and spent many of her summers at the Jersey shore. Metaxas enjoyed growing up in a large family and maintains a very close relationship with all of her siblings and their respective families.

Metaxas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the Florida State University and is a proud Seminoles football fan. After college, Metaxas entered the video production industry and quickly realized her passion for creating entertaining and effective media

Metaxas soon joined i.d.e.a.s. at Disney MGM Studios, as a freelance Producer. Through this role, she worked on a variety of projects for Fortune 500 companies, theme parks, the Disney Company, museums, and broadcast television. Metaxas stayed with the company, now known as IDEAS, when it transitioned to private ownership in 2001. She has been an integral part of the IDEAS cre-

ative team since its inception, serving as producer, director, post-supervisor, and creative consultant. She currently serves as Vice President of Media Production and leads the creative team on all IDEAS media projects.

Metaxas is both a longtime supporter and volunteer for the Human Rights Campaign. As a Federal Club member, she played an integral role in creating the Orlando HRC community and continues to help nurture its growth. She has served in a volunteer capacity at a variety of local events over the years and attended the HRC National Dinner in Washington, DC with other national leaders.

Metaxas has a special place in her heart for dogs. For many years, she has volunteered for Florida Little Dog Rescue and has fostered too many puppies and dogs to count. She takes great pride in helping to rehabilitate rescued dogs, and feels great joy in seeing them recover and thrive. The care she takes in ensuring her foster dogs are adopted into great homes is commendable. As a sign of gratitude for her commitment, many of the new families keep in touch long after the adoption.

Metaxas can often be seen around Orlando on her vintage-style scooter. She has utilized this passion to help raise money for Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation's annual "Scooters for Hooters" events. She was named 2010 Fundraising Freak for raising the most donations and has served as captain of the multi-year highest fundraising team. She continues to ride in memory of her beloved mother who passed away in 2001.

Metaxas is an active member of the Orlando community and supports a variety of other local non-profit and political organizations including Hope and Help of Central Florida, Metropolitan Business Association, Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando, and the Zebra Coalition.

Metaxas resides in Orlando, Florida with her spouse Jennifer Foster. On their 10-year anniversary in 2013, the couple was honored to be able to legally marry. They live happily with their three dogs (Matti, Maci, and Patrick), and two cats (Graci and Kevin).

I am happy to honor Mary Anne Metaxas, during LGBT Pride Month, for her professional and civic contributions to the Central Florida community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 340, had I been present, I would have voted "vea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I did not participate in the vote of H.R. 316 on June 23, 2014. Unfortunately, I was traveling back from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and due to inclement weather, I could not get back from my trip in time to vote.

However, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 316.

HONORING PHILMORE GRAHAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Philmore Graham, who passed away on June 12, 2014, after 75 remarkable years.

Born in North Carolina, Mr. Graham went on to graduate from Tennessee State University, serve our country in the Air Force and finally, build a career at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Notably, he was the first, and to this day remains the only, African American to hold the position of supervisor at Mare Island's Department of Nuclear Energy. Throughout his life, Mr. Graham was steadfastly dedicated to bettering the lives of young people in our community, particularly the lives of young African-American men.

Mr. Graham founded the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club in Vallejo, California, in 1966. What began as six young boys meeting in Mr. Graham's garage has become a thriving organization that enriches the lives of approximately 300 boys and girls today. He mentored scores of young people, offering them support and encouragement and instilling in them the values and principles they needed to succeed. Mr. Graham provided academic support, encouraged involvement in sports and taught young people the importance of perseverance, hard-work and self-respect. Mr. Graham's unwavering passion and dedication to ensuring that our youth had every opportunity to succeed is an inspiration to all. And in turn, Mr. Graham was beloved by all those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

For his good work, Mr. Graham was named the NAACP's Outstanding Citizen of the Year, was awarded the Good Neighbor Award, Salute to America Lifetime Merit Award, Profile of Excellence Award, Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, the "Who's Who" among Black Americans and was repeatedly named the Omega Man of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mr. Graham for his life of service to a grateful community.

SUPPORT OF H.R. 1098, 1281, 3548, 4080, AND 4631

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, June~24,~2014

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of five bipartisan public health bills that will help individuals with traumatic brain injuries, newborns, burn patients, and those with autism. The Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, under the leadership of Rep. JOE PITTS, has been a workhorse that boasts an outstanding record of bipartisan accomplishment on legislation that truly touches people's lives. With a number of bills already

signed into law, and these under consideration this evening, the 113th Congress is shaping up to be known as the public health Congress.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight each of the five bills before us this evening.

H.R. 1098, the Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act, would address a problem that affects millions of Americans, including both veterans and children. Introduced by Mr. PASCRELL, this bill would assist states in developing and expanding service delivery capacity for individuals with a traumatic brain injury. According to some estimates, the economic burden of such injuries is more than \$70 billion, and the physical and emotional toll endured by patients and their families is even more burdensome. This bill would help alleviate the problems associated with this unique and complex health problem, providing peace of mind to families across the country.

H.R. 1281, the Newborn Screening Saves Reauthorization Act, introduced by Reps. ROYBAL-ALLARD and SIMPSON, funds grants to allow states to expand their newborn screening programs, educate parents and health care providers, and improve follow-up care for infants diagnosed with a condition. Before the first passage of this bill in 2008, the number and quality of newborn screening tests varied from state to state. Today, with guidelines created by the bill, screenings reach 4 million babies in the United States every year. Reauthorization will continue this important program and encourage more timely efforts to identify diseases, such as Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and ensure best practices. Early screening and diagnosis often means better disease management and better outcomes for these children.

H.R. 3548, the Improving Trauma Care Act, introduced by Energy and Commerce Committee member Rep. BILL JOHNSON, is designed to correct the inconsistencies in the definitions of trauma that have resulted in gaps in care and coverage. This bill will help important trauma centers like Bronson Methodist Hospital's Burn Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan to better care for their patients.

We will also consider H.R. 4080, the Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emer-

gency Care Reauthorization. Introduced by Energy and Commerce Committee members Dr. BURGESS and Rep. GREEN, the bill reauthorizes two programs related to the planning and development of regional emergency care. Both of these programs will improve trauma care so that Americans can promptly receive specialized, life-saving treatment after a traumatic injury.

Finally we will consider H.R. 4631, the Autism CARES Act of 2014, introduced and championed by Reps. CHRIS SMITH and MIKE DOYLE. The sad reality is that in the United States, autism now affects 1 in 68 children and can cost a family approximately \$60,000 annually. H.R. 4631 continues autism-related research, early identification and intervention. education, and the activities of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee. It also asks the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collaborate with other federal agencies to prepare and submit a report concerning young adults with autism spectrum disorder and the challenges related to their transition into adulthood. Finally, the research funded by this legislation also permits diagnosing and intervening earlier and thus help improve the guality of life for children with autism.

This bill is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Autism Society, and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, which includes over thirty different organizations including Autism Speaks, the Autism National Committee, and the Council for Learning Disabilities

We began our day in a bipartisan manner advancing the 21st Century Cures initiative and I am pleased to conclude the day by continuing our efforts to advance legislation to improve the public health. It is through these bills and this initiative that we can truly have an impact on the lives of all Americans.

I urge my colleagues to support these bills.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SUNGLASS DAY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Sunglass Day and to honor the sunglass manufacturers and suppliers throughout my Dallas Congressional District, the State of Texas and around the country. Texas and the Dallas area are home to a variety of optical industry leaders including 24 optical laboratories that manufacture prescription sun wear, 3 lens manufacturers that supply UV filtering lenses, and 6 sun wear frame suppliers. As a physician, I commend the sunglass industry and their trade association The Vision Council (TVC) for ongoing outreach campaigns to educate consumers regarding the damaging effects of ultraviolet (UV) rays to the eye and healthy vision.

In the case of eye protection, what you don't know can hurt you. When it comes to the human eve and the sun's ravs. it's what we can't see that matters most. UV radiation that reaches the earth's surface, made up of two types of invisible rays. UVA and UVB, endangers an unprotected eye. The effects of longterm exposure can include cataracts, macular degeneration, abnormal growths on the eye's surface and even cancer of the eye. While everyone should shield their eyes from UV rays. certain risk factors like age and eye color increase an individual's vulnerability to UV related eye disorders. Where you live and travel can also make a big difference in the level of UV exposure. Since UV damage can't be reversed, prevention through protection is key.

Later this summer, sunglass manufacturers and distributors from my home district in Texas and The Vision Council (TVC) will be convening a Capitol Hill briefing on the topic of UV danger and protecting your eye health. I encourage my colleagues to attend and applaud the sunglass community and The Vision Council for their leadership in promoting healthy vision.